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Information is given on the number, characteristics, employment, and earnings of persons 14 years of age and over who performed hired farm wagework at any time during 1974. The brief analysis highlights some of the most pertinent changes and trends in the size and composition of the hired farm working force. Data were obtained through a survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census as a supplementary part of its monthly Current Population Survey made in December 1974. In 1974, there were approximately 2.7 million persons in the hired farm working force. The annual employment of farmworkers appeared to have become stable after the long-term downward trend of prior years. Generally, hired farm wageworkers were young (median age 23 years), white (83 percent), male (79 percent), and resided in nonfarm places (76 percent). They earned an average of $1,447 in annual cash wages, or $16.60 per day for 87 days of farm wagework. Approximately 1.6 million workers were employed solely in farm work during the year; the remaining 1.1 million performed both farm and nonfarm work. About 209,000 (8 percent) of the total were migratory farmworkers in 1974, the third consecutive year of increase. Annual earnings for these workers averaged $1,688, or $21.60 per day for 78 days of farmwork. Forty-nine percent of all migrants were employed only in farmwork during the year. (Author/NQ)

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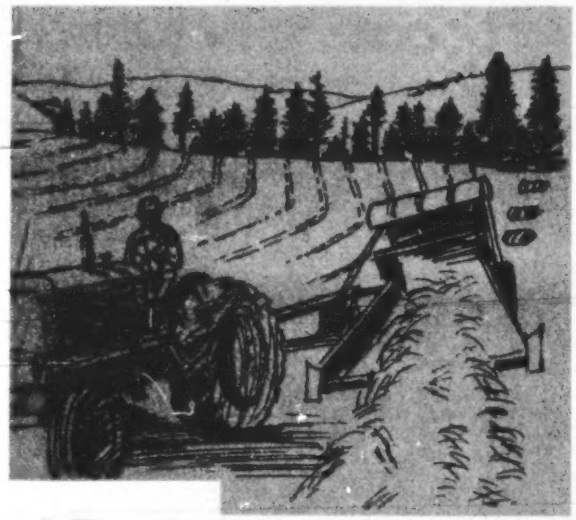

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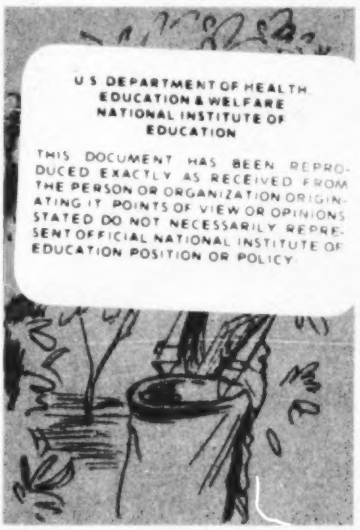

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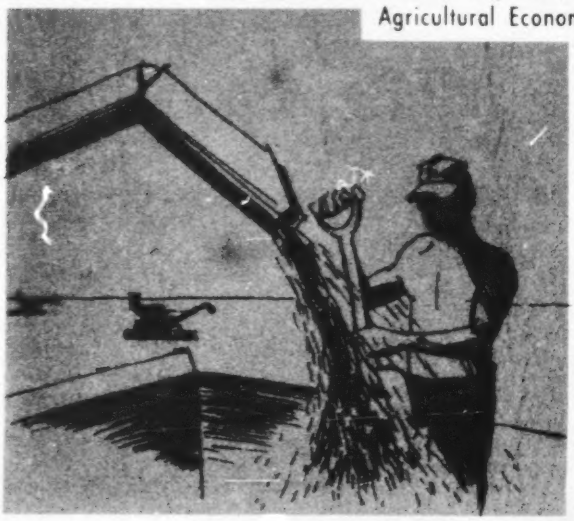

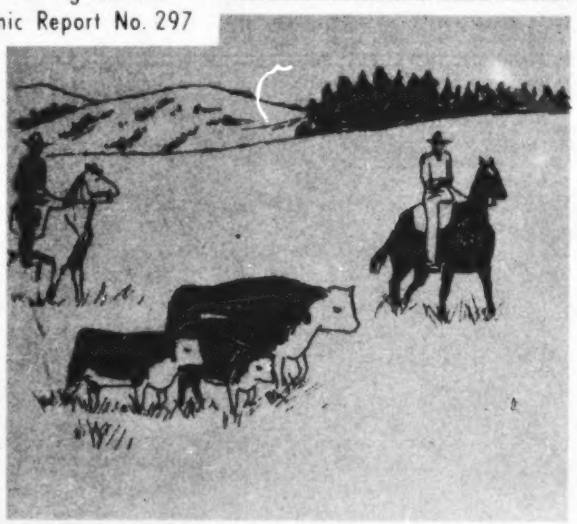

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In 1974, there were approximately 2.7 million persons 14 years of age and over who did farm wagework at some time during the year. The hired farm working force has changed little over the last 3 years. Thus, the annual employment of farmworkers appears to have become stable after the long-term downward trend of prior years.

Generally, hired farm wageworkers were young (median age 23 years), white (83 percent), male (79 percent), and resided in nonfarm places (76 percent). They earned an average of $1,447 in annual cash wages, or $16.60 per day for 87 days of farm wagework.

Approximately 1.6 million workers were employed solely in farm work during the year; the remaining 1.1 million performed both farm and nonfarm work.

About 209,000 (8 percent) of the total were migratory farmworkers in 1974, the third consecutive year of increase. Annual earnings for these workers averaged $1,688, or $21.60 per day for 78 days of farmwork. Forty-nine percent of all migrants were only employed in farmwork during the year.

Key words: Hired farmworkers, Farm labor, Casual workers, Noncasual workers, Migratory workers, Seasonal workers, Regular workers, Year-round workers, Nonfarm work, Wages, Employment, and Earnings.

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THE HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE OF 1974

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INTRODUCTION

This report provides information on the number of persons 14 years of age and over who performed hired farm wagework at any time during 1974. Data are presented on the number, characteristics, employment, and earnings of these persons. The brief analysis highlights some of the most pertinent changes and trends in the size and composition of the hired farm working force.

Data were obtained through an annual survey conducted for ERS by the Bureau of the Census as a supplementary part of its monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) made in December 1974. The information in this report is based on sample data and is subject to sampling errors. The sampling error is the probable difference that may exist between results in this report and results based on a complete census using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewers. The survey coverage and sampling errors are discussed in appendix A. Definitions or explanations of terms used in this report are given in appendix B.

HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE REMAINS STABLE

In 1974, there were 2.7 million persons 14 years old and over in the Nation who performed farm wagework at some time during the year (table 1). The size of the hired farm working force has changed only slightly over the last 3 consecutive years, averaging 2.74 million persons. This compares with the previous 3-year period (1969, 1970, and 1971), when the hired farm working force averaged 2.5 million (table 2). Thus, annual employment of farm wageworkers appears to have become stable after the long-term downward trend of prior years.

At the same time, there was a significantly greater annual production of agricultural commodities. During 1971 through 1974, the index of annual farm output ran at record high levels, ranging from 110 to 112 percent of the 1967 base-year production. The largest annual change in recent years came between 1970 and 1971, when the index increased from 101 to 111 percent. 1/

Among the major agricultural commodities, production between 1973 and 1974 increased for beef cattle, food grains, vegetables, and tobacco. Decreases were recorded for feed grains, hay and forage crops, sugar crops, fruits and nuts, cotton, and oil crops. Associated with these changes were increases in the number of farm wageworkers in the Northeast and the South, and decreases in the North Central and Western regions.

THREE-YEAR AVERAGES SHOW SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

The hired farm working force over the past 3 years has shown significant increases in number of persons performing 75 or more days of farmwork during the year. Comparing averages for 1969-71 and 1972-74 (shown in tables 2 and 3), in the latter 3-year period:

1/ Changes in Farm Production and Efficiency--A Survey Report. Economic Research Service. (In process).

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-- There were about 2.7 percent fewer workers doing less than 75 days of work.

-- Number of workers doing between 75 and 249 days of hired farmwork increased about 36.8 percent, while workers who did 250 or more days of work increased by about 29.6 percent.

-- Man-days for year-round workers increased 25.3 percent; the man-days of regular workers increased by 42.1 percent. The average number of man-days for those workers who did from 75 to 149 days of farmwork increased 33.3 percent.

-- Man-days of workers who did less than 75 days of farm wagework (64 percent of the average 1972-74 hired farm working force) decreased 5 percent. So did their proportionate share of the total man-days.

SLIGHT CHANGES OCCUR IN HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE COMPOSITION AND RESIDENCE

In 1974, compared with 1973, more of the hired farm working force were Negro and other races, younger, and living in nonfarm residences (tables 4, 5, and 6):

-- 76 percent lived in nonfarm places, compared to 75 percent in 1973.

-- 32 percent were young people 14-17 years of age; 76 percent of them were male. In 1973, these proportions were 30 and 80 percent, respectively.

-- the median age was 23 years, compared with 24 years for 1973.

-- 17 percent were Negro and other races, up from 14 percent in the previous year.

-- 79 percent were males, the same as a year earlier.

-- 38 percent lived in the South, 10 percent in the Northeastern States, 26 percent in the North Central States, and 26 percent in the West. Compared with 1973, these proportions represented 2-percent increases in the South and Northeast, and 2-percent decreases in the West and the North Central regions.

Figure 1 shows the large changes in place of residence that occurred between 1973-74 and the late forties.

MAN-DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK DECREASE

Man-days of farm wagework in 1974 totaled 239 million--6 percent less than the 254 million man-days performed in 1973 (table 5).

-- The year-round and regular workers (23 percent of the 1974 hired farm working force) did 70 percent of all farm wagework performed on farms. This was 2 percent less than they accounted for in 1973 (fig. 2).

-- Total man-days of work performed by whites and Negro and other races was proportionate to their distribution in the hired farm working force.

AVERAGE EARNINGS INCREASE; AVERAGE DAYS WORKED DECLINE

During 1974, hired farmworkers earned an average $16.60 a day in cash wages from their farm wagework (table 7). As a group, their annual earnings were $1,447 for 87 days of work. (All earnings reported refer only to cash wages, excluding the value of perquisites or fringe benefits furnished by employers.)

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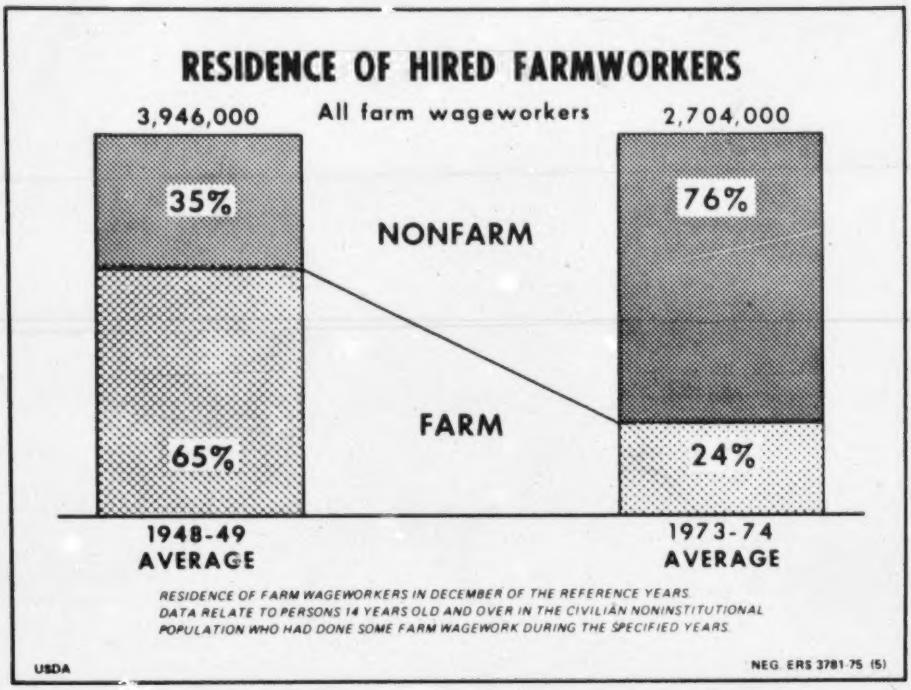

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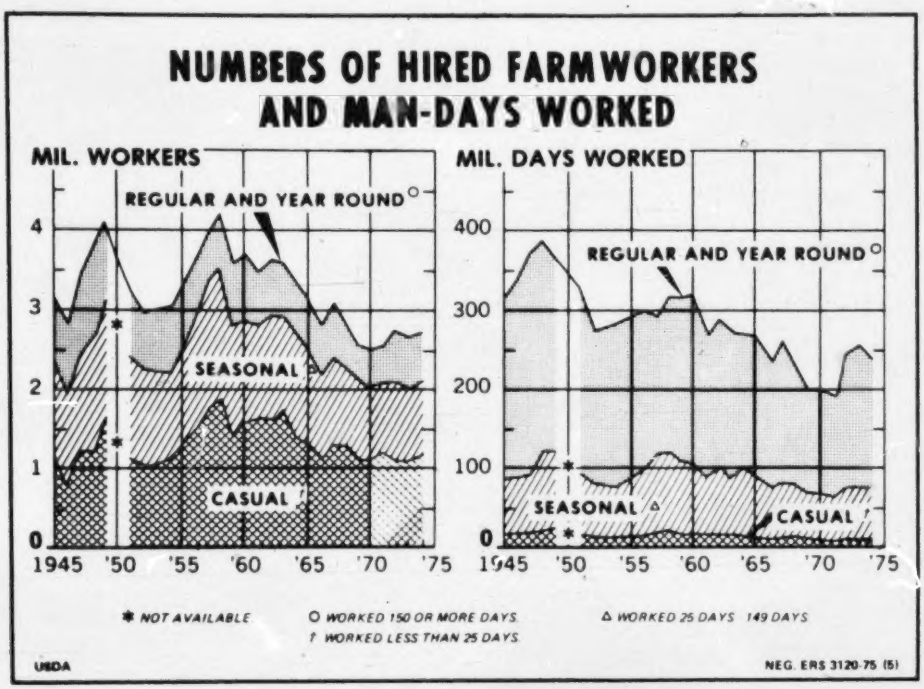

Figure 2

Daily earnings in 1974 from farm wagework increased over 1973 in all regions, while the average days of farmwork decreased. Annual earnings from farm wagework rose in all regions except the Northeast, as increases in daily earnings more than offset the decline in days worked. The increases in daily earnings were the largest in the North Central and Southern States. The decrease in average days worked was largest in the South.

The hired farm working force, when classified by length of time worked, race and chief activity shows large variations in workers' average days of farmwork, and daily and yearly earnings (tables 8, 9, and 10):

-- The casual worker earned $125 yearly for 9 days of farm wagework, an average $13.60 per day.

-- The regular worker earned $3,534 annually for 199 days of farm wagework, an average $17.70 a day.

-- The year-round worker earned $5,274 annually for 307 days of farm wagework, an average $17.15 a day.

-- The white worker averaged 86 days of farmwork and $1,461 annually, or $16.95 per day.

-- Workers who were Negro or other races averaged 93 days of farmwork and $1,377 annually, or $14.90 per day.

-- When the workers' chief activity during the year was farmwork, days of farmwork averaged 205 days and earnings $3,680 for the year ($18.00 per day).

-- Farmworkers whose chief activity was keeping house averaged 36 days of farmwork and $457 in annual earnings ($12.65 per day); those farmworkers in school most of the year averaged 40 days and $491 for the year ($12.40 per day).

In 1974, 1.6 million noncasual workers averaged 145 days and earned $2,433. Chief activity for these workers varied greatly during the year. Figure 3 shows that along with the upward trend in farm worker employment in the early 1970's, there has been an increasing proportion of workers whose chief activity during the year is farm wagework. This compares with a decreasing proportion indicating they were not in the labor force during most of the year. Proportions performing "other farmwork", "nonfarm work" and "unemployed" were for the most part unchanged.

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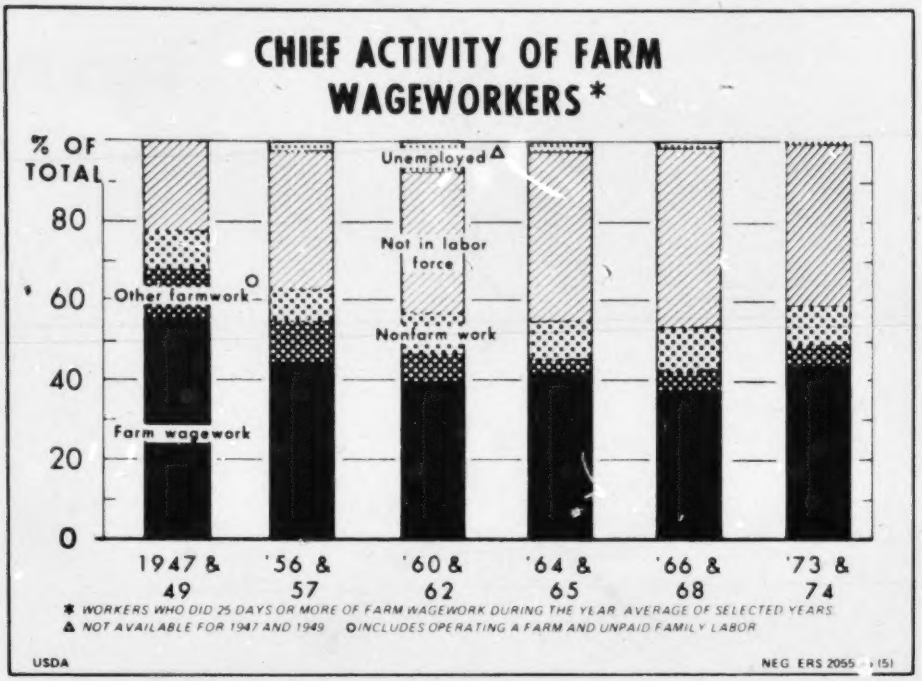

Figure 3

PROPORTION OF FARM WAGEWORKERS DOING ONLY FARM WAGEWORK OR BOTH FARM AND NONFARM WAGEWORK UNCHANGED

In 1974, there were 1.6 million persons whose only employment during the year was farm wagework (table 11). Although this is a slight (39,000) increase from a year earlier, their proportion of the total hired farm working force did not change.

-- Persons performing farm wagework only during the year were employed an average 114 days and earned $1,928 or $16.80 a day.

The number of persons who performed both farm and nonfarm wagework in 1974 was 1.1 million (table 12). This number was also up slightly (28,000) from the year before, although their proportion of the total hired farm work force remained about the same as in 1973.

-- Persons performing both farm and nonfarm wagework during the year were employed an average 48 days in farm wagework and earned $769 from this employment, or $15.85 a day.

-- 86 percent of those persons performing both kinds of work lived in a nonfarm residence, whereas, only 69 percent of those performing only farm wagework lived in a nonfarm residence.

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NUMBER OF MIGRATORY WORKERS INCREASES

There were 209,000 persons performing migratory farm wagework in 1974, a slight increase over the 203,000 of the previous year. This marked the third consecutive year of increase since 1971, when 172,000 migrant workers were recorded:

-- Migratory workers accounted for 8 percent of all farm wageworkers and 6 percent of the man-days worked.

-- 31 percent of migrants were 14 to 17 years old.

-- 62 percent of migrant workers did less than 75 days of farm wagework during the year, 17 percent worked on farms from 75-150 days and 21 percent performed 150 days or more of farmwork.

-- 92 percent of migrants are white.

-- The South and West each contained about one-third of the migratory workers.

-- For 49 percent of these migratory workers, farmwork was their only employment during the year.

-- Migrants as a group performed an average of 78 days of farm wagework in 1974 and earned $1,688 ($21.60 per day); nonmigratory workers worked an average of 88 days on farms and earned $1,427 ($16.25 per day).

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Table 1.--Number of persons who did any farm wagework during the year, by sex, 1945-74 1/

Year	All farm wageworkers			Workers who did 25 days or more of farm wagework during the year (noncasual workers)			Workers who did less than 25 days of farm wagework during the year (casual workers)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
1945	3,212	2,375	837	1,965	1,576	389	1,247	799	448
1946	2,770	2,120	650	1,953	1,584	369	817	536	281
1947	3,394	2,587	807	2,215	1,864	351	1,179	723	456
1948	3,752	2,820	932	2,502	2,036	466	1,250	784	466
1949	4,140	3,021	1,119	2,510	2,001	509	1,630	1,020	610
1950	4,342	3,221	1,121	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
1951	3,274	2,392	882	2,156	1,718	438	1,118	674	444
1952	2,980	2,218	762	1,972	1,558	414	1,008	660	348
1954	3,009	2,237	772	1,908	1,544	364	1,101	693	408
1956	3,575	2,525	1,050	2,078	1,553	525	1,497	972	525
1957	3,962	2,765	1,197	2,200	1,673	527	1,762	1,092	670
1958	4,212	2,987	1,225	2,319	1,788	531	1,893	1,199	694
1959	3,577	2,570	1,007	2,166	1,690	476	1,412	880	531
1960	3,693	2,664	1,029	2,162	1,698	463	1,531	966	566
1961	3,488	2,445	1,043	1,889	1,468	421	1,600	978	622
1962	3,622	2,551	1,071	2,067	1,576	492	1,555	976	579
1963	3,597	2,615	983	1,862	1,480	382	1,735	1,135	601
1964	3,370	2,398	972	2,001	1,487	514	1,369	911	458
1965	3,128	2,205	923	1,864	1,407	457	1,264	797	466
1966	2,763	2,051	712	1,634	1,295	339	1,130	756	374
1967	3,078	2,261	817	1,740	1,358	381	1,338	903	435
1968	2,919	2,111	808	1,620	1,256	364	1,299	855	444
1969	2,571	1,907	665	1,466	1,158	307	1,106	748	357
1970	2,488	1,889	599	1,394	1,142	252	1,093	747	346
1971	2,550	1,944	606	1,359	1,121	238	1,191	823	368
1972	2,809	2,169	641	1,679	1,387	292	1,130	782	349
1973	2,671	2,115	555	1,585	1,326	259	1,085	789	296
1974	2,737	2,165	572	1,568	1,331	237	1,169	834	336

Numbers of workers for 1959 and succeeding years are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ No survey conducted in 1953 and 1955.

2/ Data not available.

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Table 2.--Distribution of persons who did any farm wagework during the year, by duration of farm wagework, averages 1969-71 and 1972-74

Year	Total workers	Duration of farm wagework			
		Less than 75 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Average:					
1969-71	2,536	1,793	255	191	297
1972-74	2,739	1,744	340	270	385
Percentage change	8.0	-2 7	33.3	41.4	29.6
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Average:					
1969-71	100	70	10	8	12
1972-74	100	64	12	10	14

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 3.--Distribution of man-days of farm wagework, for workers, by duration of farm wagework, averages 1969-71 and 1972-74

Year	Total man-days of farm wagework	Duration of farm wagework			
		Less than 75 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Average:					
1969-71	200	40	27	38	95
1972-74	247	38	36	54	119
Percentage change	23.5	-5.0	33.3	42.1	25.3
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Average:					
1969-71	100	20	14	19	47
1972-74	100	15	15	22	48

Numbers of days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

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Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1974

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1974	2,737	2,165	572	100	100	100
RACE						
White	2,277	1,869	408	83	86	71
Negro and other	460	296	164	17	14	29
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farmwork	823	770	53	30	36	8
Farm wagework	708	659	49	26	31	8
Without nonfarm work	572	530	43	21	25	7
With nonfarm work	136	129	6	5	6	1
Other farmwork 1/	115	111	4	4	5	1
Nonfarm work	445	396	49	16	18	9
Unemployed	35	32	3	1	1	1
Not in labor force	1,435	967	467	53	45	82
Keeping house	234	0	234	9	2/	41
Attending school	1,046	815	231	38	38	41
Other	155	152	3	6	7	2/
RESIDENCE AND AGE						
All workers	2,737	2,165	572	100	100	100
14-17 years	877	668	209	32	30	37
18-24	667	574	94	24	27	16
25-34	398	306	92	15	14	16
35-44	243	167	76	9	8	13
45-54	195	149	46	7	7	8
55-64	193	154	39	7	7	7
65 and over	164	147	17	6	7	3
Farm Residence	661	543	118	100	100	100
14-17 years	178	135	43	27	25	36
18-24	144	127	16	22	23	14
25-34	97	76	21	15	14	18
35-44	69	52	17	10	10	14
45-54	60	53	7	9	10	6
55-64	62	54	8	9	10	7
65 and over	51	45	6	8	8	5
Nonfarm Residence	2,076	1,622	454	100	100	100
14-17 years	699	533	166	35	33	36
18-24	524	446	77	26	28	17
25-34	300	230	70	14	14	15
35-44	174	116	59	8	7	13
45-54	135	96	39	6	6	9
55-64	131	100	31	6	6	7
65 and over	113	102	11	5	6	3
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
Migratory	209	179	30	100	100	3/
14-17 years	65	55	10	31	30	--
18-24	66	53	12	31	30	--
25-34	35	35	0	17	20	--
35-44	17	15	2	8	8	--
45-54	11	5	6	5	3	--
55-64	11	11	0	6	6	--
65 and over	5	5	0	2	3	--
Nonmigratory	2,528	1,986	542	100	100	100
14-17 years	811	613	199	33	31	37
18-24	602	521	81	24	26	15
25-34	363	271	92	14	14	17
35-44	226	152	74	9	8	14
45-54	184	144	40	7	7	7
55-64	182	143	39	7	7	7
65 and over	159	142	17	6	7	3

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Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1974--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
REGION	2,737	2,165	572	100	100	100
Northeast	269	213	55	10	10	10
North Central	732	635	96	26	29	17
South	1,038	770	269	38	36	46
West	699	547	152	26	25	27
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,568	1,331	237	100	100	100
14-17 years	390	325	65	25	25	27
18-24	381	338	44	24	26	19
25-34	214	191	23	14	14	10
35-44	172	133	29	11	10	17
45-54	158	125	33	10	9	14
55-64	151	125	27	10	9	11
65 and over	101	95	6	6	7	2
Migratory	141	120	21	100	100	3/
14-17 years	39	32	7	28	26	--
18-24	47	40	8	34	33	--
25-34	23	23	0	16	19	--
35-44	12	12	0	8	10	--
45-54	6	0	6	4	2/	--
55-64	11	11	0	8	9	--
65 and over	3	3	0	2	3	--
Nonmigratory	1,427	1,211	216	100	100	100
14-17 years	351	293	58	25	24	26
18-24	334	298	36	23	25	17
25-34	192	168	23	13	14	11
35-44	160	121	39	11	10	18
45-54	152	125	27	11	10	13
55-64	141	114	27	10	9	12
65 and over	98	92	6	7	8	3
TOTAL FARM WAGES EARNED	1,568	1,331	237	100	100	100
Less than $100	24	23	1	2	2	1
100-199	34	23	11	2	2	5
200-499	248	178	70	16	13	29
500-999	295	236	59	19	18	25
1,000-2,999	485	422	64	32	31	26
3,000-4,999	246	227	19	16	17	8
5,000-7,499	152	143	9	10	11	4
7,500-9,999	49	48	2	3	4	1
10,000 and over	34	32	2	2	2	1
TOTAL FARM AND NONFARM WAGES EARNED	1,568	1,331	237	100	100	100
Less than $100	16	15	1	1	1	1
100-199	19	16	4	1	1	2
200-499	183	125	58	12	9	25
500-999	218	168	50	14	13	21
1,000-2,999	494	410	85	31	32	35
3,000-4,999	300	281	19	19	21	8
5,000-7,499	214	202	12	14	15	5
7,500-9,999	64	60	5	4	4	2
10,000 and over	59	56	3	4	4	1

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Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1974--Continued

Selected Characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,169	834	336	100	100	100
14-17 years	487	343	144	42	42	43
18-24	286	236	50	24	28	15
25-34	184	115	68	16	14	20
35-44	71	35	36	6	4	11
45-54	37	24	13	3	3	4
55-64	41	29	12	4	3	4
65 and over	63	52	12	5	6	3
Migratory	68	59	9	100	100	3/
14-17 years	26	23	3	39	40	--
18-24	18	14	5	27	23	--
25-34	12	12	0	18	21	--
35-44	5	3	2	7	5	--
45-54	5	5	0	7	9	--
55-64	0	0	0	2/	2/	--
65 and over	1	1	0	2	2	--
Nonmigratory	1,101	775	326	100	100	100
14-17 years	460	319	141	41	42	42
18-24	268	222	45	24	29	14
25-34	171	103	68	16	13	21
35-44	67	32	35	6	4	11
45-54	32	19	13	3	2	4
55-64	41	29	12	4	4	4
65 and over	62	50	12	6	6	4

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
2/ Less than 0.5 percent.
3/ Percentages not shown where base is less that 50,000 persons.

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Table 5.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, and man-days of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1974

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Man-days of farm wagework		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
ALL WORKERS, 1974	2,737	2,165	572	239	213	25
RACE						
White	2,277	1,869	408	196	177	19
Negro and other races	460	296	164	43	36	6
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	209	179	30	16	15	2
Nonmigratory	2,528	1,986	542	222	199	24
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	1,169	834	336	11	7	3
25-74	619	476	143	28	21	6
75-149	308	257	51	33	27	5
150-249	274	246	28	55	49	6
250 and over	367	352	16	113	108	5
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1974	100	100	100	100	100	100
RACE						
White	83	86	71	83	83	76
Negro and other races	17	14	29	17	17	24
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	8	8	5	6	6	6
Nonmigratory	92	92	95	94	94	94
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	43	39	58	4	3	12
25-74	23	22	25	11	10	25
75-149	11	12	9	13	12	21
150-249	10	11	5	23	23	24
250 and over	13	16	3	49	52	18

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand, and numbers of man-days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

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Table 6.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics and duration of farm wagework, 1974

Selected characteristics	Number of farm wageworkers						Percentage distribution					
	Total Workers	Number working					Total workers	Percentage working				
		Less than 25 days	25-74 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over		Less than 25 days	25-74 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1974	2,737	1,169	619	308	274	367	100	43	23	11	10	13
RACE												
White	2,277	991	514	246	214	313	100	45	23	11	9	14
Negro and other races	460	178	105	62	60	54	100	39	23	13	13	12
SEX AND AGE												
Both sexes												
14-17 years	877	487	273	70	30	17	100	56	31	8	3	2
18-24	667	286	137	97	81	67	100	43	21	14	12	10
25-34	398	184	35	36	54	89	100	46	9	9	14	22
35-44	243	71	50	32	30	60	100	29	21	13	12	25
45-54	195	37	44	21	32	61	100	19	22	11	17	31
55-64	193	41	41	25	28	57	100	21	21	13	15	30
65 and over	164	63	40	27	18	16	100	38	24	17	11	10
Males	2,165	834	476	257	246	352	100	39	22	12	11	16
14-17 years	668	343	220	64	24	17	100	50	33	10	4	3
18-24	574	236	111	85	76	65	100	42	19	15	13	11
25-34	306	115	27	27	49	88	100	37	9	9	16	29
35-44	167	35	23	26	28	56	100	21	14	15	17	33
45-54	149	24	27	16	25	56	100	16	18	11	17	38
55-64	154	29	29	15	27	54	100	19	19	10	17	35
65 and over	147	52	38	25	16	16	100	35	26	17	11	11
Females	572	336	143	51	28	16	100	58	25	9	5	3
14-17 years	209	144	52	7	6	0	100	69	25	3	3	1/
18-24	94	50	26	11	5	2	100	53	28	12	5	2
25-34	92	68	8	9	5	2	100	75	8	10	5	2
35-44	76	36	27	6	2	5	100	48	36	8	2	6
45-54	46	13	16	4	7	5	2/	--	--	--	--	--
55-64	39	12	12	10	2	3	2/	--	--	--	--	--
65 and over	17	12	2	2	2	0	2/	--	--	--	--	--
RESIDENCE												
Farm	661	203	148	78	84	148	100	31	22	12	13	22
Nonfarm	2,076	966	471	230	190	220	100	46	23	11	9	11
MIGRATORY STATUS												
Migratory	209	68	63	35	32	10	100	33	30	17	15	5
Nonmigratory	2,528	1,101	556	273	242	357	100	43	22	11	10	14
REGION												
Northeast	269	121	58	29	20	41	100	45	22	11	7	15
North Central	732	357	171	79	56	69	100	49	23	11	8	9
South	1,038	448	250	101	113	127	100	43	24	10	11	12
West	699	243	140	99	85	131	100	35	20	14	12	19

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Less than 0.5 percent.

2/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for all farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1974

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day[1/]		Per year	Per day[1/]		Per year	Per day[1/]
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1974	2,737	138	2,476	17.95	87	1,447	16.60	51	1,030	20.25
RACE AND SEX										
White	2,277	142	2,613	18.45	86	1,461	16.95	56	1,153	20.75
Negro and other races	460	120	1,798	14.95	93	1,377	14.90	28	421	15.25
Male	2,165	154	2,871	18.60	99	1,663	16.85	56	1,208	12.65
White	1,869	154	2,941	19.10	95	1,633	17.25	59	1,309	22.10
Negro and other races	296	158	2,428	15.40	123	1,854	15.05	34	574	16.70
Female	572	76	983	12.95	44	629	14.25	32	354	11.15
White	408	85	1,112	13.05	47	673	14.35	38	438	11.40
Negro and other races	164	52	662	12.65	37	518	13.95	15	144	9.45
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farmwork	823	218	3,942	18.05	205	3,690	18.00	14	262	19.15
Farm wagework	708	239	4,303	18.05	226	4,082	18.05	12	220	18.25
Without nonfarm work	572	241	4,374	18.15	241	4,374	18.15	--	--	--
With nonfarm work	136	229	4,001	17.45	166	2,852	17.15	63	1,149	18.25
Other farmwork[2/]	115	93	1,723	18.45	70	1,201	17.25	24	522	21.95
Nonfarm work	445	235	5,278	22.50	30	461	15.25	204	4,817	23.55
Unemployed[3/]	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Not in labor force	1,435	63	787	12.50	38	488	12.75	25	299	12.15
Keeping house	234	55	700	12.65	36	457	12.65	19	243	12.65
Attending school	1,046	65	770	11.80	40	491	12.40	26	279	10.85
Other	155	58	1,034	17.75	33	515	15.50	25	519	20.80
RESIDENCE, SEX, AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK										
All workers										
Less than 25 days	1,169	84	1,706	20.25	9	125	13.60	75	1,581	21.05
25-74	619	93	1,535	16.50	45	626	13.95	48	908	18.85
75-149	308	145	2,466	16.95	106	1,697	15.95	39	769	19.80
150-249	274	224	4,063	18.15	199	3,534	17.70	24	528	21.90
250 and over	367	315	5,345	16.95	307	5,274	17.15	8	70	8.80
Farm residence	661	144	2,355	16.35	119	1,877	15.70	25	478	19.45
Less than 25 days	203	54	1,082	20.10	9	139	15.00	45	943	21.20
25-74	148	67	1,047	15.70	45	643	14.30	22	404	18.65
75-149	78	124	1,927	15.50	102	1,459	14.30	22	469	21.05
150-249	84	205	3,181	15.50	194	2,939	15.15	11	242	21.55
250 and over	148	321	5,177	16.10	313	5,130	16.40	9	48	5.50
Nonfarm residence	2,076	136	2,515	18.50	77	1,310	17.05	59	1,205	20.35
Less than 25 days	966	91	1,837	20.25	9	121	13.30	82	1,715	21.05
25-74	471	101	1,687	16.65	45	621	13.85	56	1,066	18.90
75-149	230	153	2,649	17.35	108	1,778	16.45	45	871	19.55
150-249	190	232	4,450	19.20	202	3,796	18.80	30	654	22.00
250 and over	220	311	5,457	17.55	303	5,371	17.70	8	86	11.30
Males										
Less than 25 days	834	101	2,209	21.95	9	128	14.40	92	2,081	22.70
25-74	476	97	1,709	17.55	45	646	14.35	52	1,063	20.40
75-149	257	149	2,614	17.55	107	1,765	16.55	42	850	20.10
150-249	246	224	4,044	18.05	199	3,504	17.65	25	539	21.20
250 and over	352	315	5,382	17.10	308	5,315	17.30	7	67	9.10
Females										
Less than 25 days	336	44	454	10.40	10	115	11.80	34	339	10.00
25-74	143	79	953	12.10	44	559	12.75	35	394	11.25
75 and over	94	186	2,917	15.65	167	2,570	15.40	19	347	18.10

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Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for all farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1974--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day[1]		Per year	Per day[1]		Per year	Per day[1]
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
MIGRATORY STATUS AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK										
Migratory	209	140	3,097	22.05	78	1,688	21.60	62	1,409	22.65
Less than 25 days	68	123	3,087	25.10	10	174	17.90	113	2,913	25.70
25-74	63	91	1,448	15.90	49	847	17.30	42	602	14.25
75-149[3]	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 and over [3]	43	--	--	-	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	2,528	138	2,425	17.60	88	1,427	16.25	50	998	20.00
Less than 25 days	1,101	82	1,620	19.80	9	121	13.30	73	1,498	20.60
25-74	556	93	1,544	16.55	44	601	13.55	49	943	19.30
75-149	273	146	2,455	16.80	108	1,700	15.75	38	755	19.70
150-249	242	223	3,825	17.10	201	3,338	16.65	23	487	21.35
250 and over	357	316	5,311	16.80	307	5,238	17.05	8	73	8.80
REGION AND RACE										
Northeast	269	148	2,481	16.75	87	1,276	14.75	61	1,204	19.60
White	252	153	2,588	16.90	90	1,336	14.85	63	1,253	19.85
Negro and other races[3]	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
North Central	732	141	2,590	18.40	71	1,097	15.35	69	1,492	21.55
White	723	141	2,606	18.45	71	1,097	15.40	70	1,509	21.55
Negro and other races[3]	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
South	1,038	129	2,109	16.35	84	1,227	14.60	45	882	19.60
White	651	136	2,403	17.70	82	1,272	15.55	54	1,131	21.00
Negro and other races	387	118	1,613	13.70	88	1,150	13.15	30	464	15.45
West	699	141	2,902	20.05	109	2,205	20.30	36	697	19.35
White	652	143	2,841	19.85	105	2,100	19.95	38	740	19.45
Negro and other races[3]	47	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND RACE										
All workers										
Migratory										
White	193	139	3,097	22.20	77	1,614	21.05	63	1,483	23.65
Negro and other races[3]	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory										
White	2,084	142	2,568	18.10	87	1,446	16.65	55	1,122	20.45
Negro and other races	444	119	1,751	14.75	92	1,334	14.45	26	417	15.75
South										
Migratory	67	140	2,794	19.95	82	1,541	18.85	58	1,253	21.50
White	58	134	2,730	20.40	78	1,387	17.75	56	1,343	24.05
Negro and other races[3]	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	971	128	2,061	16.10	84	1,205	14.30	44	856	19.45
White	593	136	2,371	17.45	82	1,261	15.35	54	1,110	20.65
Negro and other races	378	116	1,575	13.55	87	1,117	12.80	29	459	15.85
West										
Migratory	66	143	3,448	24.10	96	2,547	26.40	47	900	19.30
White	58	146	3,510	24.00	98	2,542	25.95	48	968	20.10
Negro and other races[3]	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	633	145	2,845	19.65	110	2,169	19.75	35	676	19.35
White	593	143	2,775	19.40	106	2,057	19.40	37	718	19.40
Negro and other races[3]	40	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.
2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 8.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics and average daily earnings at farm wagework, 1974

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Average daily earnings from farm wagework							Median daily earnings 1/
		Total	Less than $5.00	$5.00-7.99	$8.00-10.99	$11.00-13.99	$14.00-16.99	$17.00-19.99	$20.00 and over	
	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1974	2,737	100	8	11	18	14	16	7	26	13.60
RACE AND SEX										
White	2,277	100	9	11	17	12	16	8	27	14.30
Negro and other races	460	100	6	11	24	27	15	4	13	11.95
Male	2,165	100	8	10	17	13	16	8	28	14.30
White	1,869	100	9	10	16	11	16	8	30	14.70
Negro and other races	296	100	3	10	23	26	17	5	16	12.65
Female	572	100	10	15	21	19	16	6	13	11.70
White	408	100	10	15	19	15	17	8	16	12.30
Negro and other races	164	100	10	15	27	28	11	2	7	10.85
AGE, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND SEX										
14-19 years	1,167	100	13	16	20	14	16	5	16	11.30
Migratory	92	100	8	12	13	16	21	8	22	14.00
Nonmigratory	1,074	100	13	16	21	14	16	4	16	11.00
20 years and over	1,570	100	5	8	15	15	15	10	33	15.25
Migratory	117	100	1	1	11	16	8	10	53	20.00
Male	103	100	1	1	8	15	7	10	58	20.00
Female	14	2/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	1,453	100	6	8	16	15	16	10	30	15.00
Male	1,150	100	4	7	16	13	17	10	34	15.80
Female	303	100	10	14	18	21	13	8	16	12.15
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK										
Less than 25 days	1,169	100	10	16	22	13	16	4	19	11.50
25-74	619	100	9	10	20	16	14	9	22	13.05
75-149	308	100	6	7	16	14	14	12	31	15.50
150-249	274	100	7	7	11	14	17	10	34	15.90
250-299	152	100	2	4	5	20	18	8	43	17.45
300 and over	215	100	8	4	12	12	18	9	37	16.30
REGION AND SEX										
Northeast	269	100	16	10	14	12	17	8	23	13.35
Male	213	100	16	9	14	12	17	9	23	13.70
Female	55	100	15	17	13	13	17	5	20	12.00
North Central	732	100	9	12	20	12	16	6	25	13.40
Male	635	100	9	11	19	11	17	5	28	14.05
Female	96	100	9	17	25	18	15	10	6	10.80
South	1,038	100	7	12	24	23	14	5	15	11.95
Male	770	100	7	11	21	20	15	7	19	12.45
Female	269	100	9	14	26	30	13	2	6	11.05
West	699	100	6	9	9	7	17	12	40	17.45
Male	547	100	5	8	9	7	16	12	43	18.30
Female	152	100	11	13	11	5	20	12	28	15.50

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1974

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day[1]		Per year	Per day[1]		Per year	Per day[1]
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORKERS, 1974	1,568	178	3,051	17.15	145	2,433	16.75	33	618	18.90
RACE AND SEX										
White	1,286	181	3,193	17.60	145	2,486	17.10	36	707	19.60
Negro and other races	282	163	2,401	14.70	146	2,187	15.05	18	213	12.10
Male	1,331	188	3,286	17.45	155	2,624	16.95	33	662	19.75
White	1,113	189	3,397	17.95	153	2,653	17.35	37	744	20.35
Negro and other races	218	162	2,715	14.95	164	2,475	15.10	17	239	13.70
Female	237	121	1,733	14.25	93	1,358	14.65	29	375	13.10
White	173	129	1,882	14.55	97	1,415	14.60	33	467	14.35
Negro and other races	64	100	1,327	13.30	82	1,202	14.70	18	125	6.85
SEX AND AGE										
Both sexes										
14-17 years	390	95	1,094	11.50	78	934	11.90	17	160	9.60
18-24	381	194	3,365	17.40	136	2,313	17.05	58	1,052	18.15
25-34	214	241	4,814	19.95	204	3,834	18.80	37	981	26.30
35-44	172	210	4,167	19.85	174	3,102	17.85	36	1,066	29.25
45-54	158	216	3,791	17.55	191	3,380	17.70	25	411	16.35
55-64	151	216	3,682	17.05	189	3,396	18.00	27	286	10.60
65 and over	101	136	1,693	12.45	132	1,647	12.50	4	46	10.85
Males										
14-17 years	325	96	1,115	11.55	81	953	11.75	15	162	10.70
18-24	338	201	3,563	17.70	143	2,485	17.40	59	1,078	18.45
25-34	191	256	5,203	20.30	216	4,136	19.20	41	1,067	26.15
35-44	133	237	4,844	20.45	198	3,646	18.40	39	1,198	31.05
45-54	125	234	4,177	17.90	207	3,682	17.80	27	495	18.55
55-64	125	232	3,989	17.25	206	3,706	18.00	26	283	11.00
65 and over	95	135	1,614	11.95	130	1,565	12.00	5	49	10.85
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farmwork	752	235	4,217	17.95	223	4,009	18.00	12	208	16.85
Farm wagework	693	242	4,362	18.00	231	4,167	18.05	11	195	17.60
Without nonfarm work	565	244	4,428	18.20	244	4,428	18.20	--	--	--
With nonfarm work	128	236	4,071	17.25	176	3,014	17.15	60	1,057	17.60
Other farmwork[2]	59	154	2,533	16.40	127	2,162	17.05	27	362	13.35
Nonfarm work	158	255	5,085	19.95	70	1,030	14.65	185	4,056	21.95
Unemployed[3]	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Not in labor force	644	93	1,208	12.95	74	950	12.90	20	257	13.10
Keeping house	94	92	1,253	13.70	77	974	12.70	15	279	18.65
Attending school	472	97	1,187	12.30	76	956	12.60	21	231	11.10
Other	78	75	1,279	17.05	57	891	15.70	18	388	21.25
REGION AND RACE										
Northeast	148	198	3,219	16.25	149	2,210	14.80	49	1,009	20.60
White	143	200	3,277	16.35	150	2,235	14.90	51	1,042	20.60
Negro and other races[3]	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
North Central	375	179	2,998	16.80	131	2,023	15.45	48	975	20.40
White	369	179	3,012	16.80	131	2,026	15.50	48	986	20.35
Negro and other races[3]	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1974--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day[1]		Per year	Per day[1]		Per year	Per day[1]
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
REGION AND RACE--Continued										
South	590	170	2,537	14.95	141	2,075	14.70	29	462	16.00
White	356	178	2,849	16.05	143	2,237	15.65	35	612	17.60
Negro and other races	234	158	2,063	13.05	138	1,829	13.20	20	234	11.80
West	455	182	3,707	20.40	162	3,305	20.45	20	401	19.95
White	418	180	3,618	20.10	159	3,191	20.10	21	427	20.10
Negro and other races[3]	37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND RACE										
All workers										
Migratory	141	149	3,102	20.85	111	2,423	21.75	37	679	18.15
White	128	148	3,063	20.75	110	2,337	21.20	37	726	19.45
Negro and other races[3]	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	1,427	181	3,046	16.85	149	2,434	16.35	32	612	18.95
White	1,158	185	3,208	17.35	149	2,503	16.80	36	705	19.65
Negro and other races	269	163	2,350	14.40	147	2,135	14.55	17	215	12.85
South										
Migratory[3]	47	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White[3]	40	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Negro and other races[3]	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	543	171	2,528	14.75	144	2,070	14.40	28	458	16.40
White	316	182	2,890	15.90	147	2,275	15.45	34	615	17.85
Negro and other races	227	157	2,026	12.85	139	1,786	12.90	19	240	12.75
West										
Migratory[3]	46	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	409	184	3,646	19.80	165	3,279	19.90	19	367	19.20
NONMIGRATORY WORKERS, SEX, AND RACE										
Nonmigratory										
Male	1,211	192	3,280	17.10	158	2,619	16.55	34	662	19.65
White	1,004	194	3,410	17.60	157	2,682	17.00	37	748	20.30
Negro and other races	207	184	2,652	14.45	166	2,410	14.55	18	242	13.55
Female	216	119	1,731	14.50	95	1,395	14.70	25	336	13.65
White	154	129	1,888	14.65	100	1,466	14.70	29	421	14.35
Negro and other races	62	95	1,341	14.10	82	1,217	14.75	13	123	9.70
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS										
Household heads	766	228	4,286	18.85	186	3,386	18.20	41	900	21.80
Migratory	58	195	4,430	22.75	150	3,508	23.45	45	922	20.40
Nonmigratory	708	230	4,274	18.55	189	3,376	17.85	41	898	21.95
Other household members	802	131	1,872	14.30	106	1,522	14.35	25	349	14.20
Migratory	83	117	2,174	18.60	85	1,665	19.65	32	509	15.90
Nonmigratory	719	132	1,837	13.85	109	1,506	13.85	24	331	13.95

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2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 10.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did less than 25 days of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1974

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day[1]		Per year	Per day[1]		Per year	Per day[1]
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK, 1974	1,169	84	1,706	20.25	9	125	13.60	75	1,581	21.05
SEX AND AGE										
Both sexes										
14-17 years	487	35	264	7.60	10	105	10.90	25	159	6.35
18-24	286	129	2,784	21.65	9	137	15.10	120	2,648	22.15
25-34	184	142	3,602	25.30	8	125	15.90	135	3,477	25.85
35-44	71	131	3,046	23.30	10	159	15.35	120	2,888	24.00
45-54[2]	37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
55-64[2]	41	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65 and over	63	40	493	12.20	9	138	15.85	32	355	11.20
Males	834	101	2,209	21.95	9	128	14.40	92	2,081	22.70
14-17 years	343	38	299	7.90	9	101	11.05	29	198	6.85
18-24	236	140	3,222	23.00	9	144	15.70	131	3,078	23.50
25-34	115	197	5,289	26.80	7	123	17.25	190	5,165	27.15
35-44[2]	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
45 and over	105	76	1,664	22.00	10	181	18.75	66	1,483	22.50
Females	336	44	454	10.40	10	115	11.80	34	339	10.00
14-17 years	144	27	179	6.65	11	114	10.55	16	65	4.05
18-24	50	73	705	9.60	8	102	12.05	65	603	9.30
25-34	68	50	753	15.10	9	128	14.05	41	625	15.30
35-44[2]	36	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
45 and over[2]	37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farm wagework and other farmwork[3]	71	37	1,014	27.25	9	175	19.55	28	839	29.75
Nonfarm work	287	223	5,385	24.10	8	149	18.20	215	5,235	24.35
Unemployed[2]	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Not in labor force	791	38	445	11.65	10	112	11.70	29	333	11.60
Keeping house	140	31	331	10.60	9	113	12.35	22	219	9.90
Attending school	575	40	428	10.80	10	110	11.25	30	319	10.65
Other	76	41	783	19.10	9	130	14.25	32	653	20.50
MIGRATORY STATUS										
Migratory	68	123	3,087	25.10	10	174	17.90	113	2,913	25.70
Nonmigratory	1,101	82	1,620	19.80	9	121	13.30	73	1,498	20.60
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS										
Household heads	376	154	4,010	26.05	8	143	17.25	146	3,867	26.55
Migratory[2]	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	352	149	3,796	25.45	8	138	16.75	141	3,659	25.95
Other household members	794	51	615	12.00	10	116	12.10	42	500	12.00
Migratory[2]	45	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonmigratory	749	50	596	11.90	10	114	11.95	41	482	11.90

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Table 11.--Percentage of workers who did farm and nonfarm wagework, and average number of days worked and wages earned, for workers who did farm wagework only, by selected characteristics, 1974

Selected characteristics	Farm wageworkers		Workers who did farm wagework only			
	Number of workers	Percentage who also did some nonfarm wagework	Number of workers	Farm		
				Days worked	Wages Earned	
					Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1974	2,737	41	1,599	114	1,928	16.80
RACE AND SEX						
White	2,277	44	1,266	116	2,009	17.20
Negro and other races	460	27	334	106	1,622	15.30
Male	2,165	43	1,234	133	2,273	17.05
White	1,869	44	1,029	130	2,272	17.45
Negro and other races	296	30	204	148	2,279	15.40
Female	572	36	366	52	766	14.70
White	408	42	236	58	865	14.70
Negro and other races	164	21	129	39	585	14.75
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farmwork	823	19	663	217	3,926	18.05
Farm wagework	708	19	572	240	4,374	18.15
Without nonfarm work	572	--	572	240	4,374	18.15
With nonfarm work	136	100	--	--	--	--
Other farmwork 2/	115	20	91	69	1,104	15.85
Nonfarm work	445	98	--	--	--	--
Unemployed	35	70	3/10	--	--	--
Not in labor force	1,435	35	920	41	506	12.10
Keeping house	234	27	169	40	493	12.25
Attending school	1,046	38	639	43	502	11.60
Other	155	27	112	36	549	15.25
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	1,169	54	527	9	123	12.60
25 days and over	1,568	31	1,073	166	2,814	16.95
RESIDENCE						
Farm	661	24	497	135	2,118	15.60
Nonfarm	2,076	46	1,102	105	1,843	17.55
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	209	51	102	107	2,476	23.00
Nonmigratory	2,528	40	1,497	115	1,891	16.40
REGION AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Northeast	269	42	154	114	1,686	14.65
Less than 25 days	121	50	60	8	113	12.70
25-149	87	50	3/43	--	--	--
150 and over	60	15	51	279	4,163	14.90
North Central	732	51	355	95	1,449	15.15
Less than 25 days	357	59	145	9	131	13.80
25-149	250	51	122	60	813	13.40
150 and over	125	29	89	284	4,477	15.70
South	1,038	38	640	108	1,583	14.65
Less than 25 days	448	51	220	9	109	10.95
25-149	350	37	220	63	787	12.40
150 and over	240	16	201	264	4,068	15.40
West	699	35	450	138	2,883	20.75
Less than 25 days	243	57	103	10	151	14.30
25-149	240	32	161	71	1,279	17.80
150 and over	216	13	186	267	5,784	21.60

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Table 12.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for farm wage-workers who also did some nonfarm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1974

Selected Characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO ALSO DID SOME NONFARM WAGEWORK, 1974	1,138	171	3,246	19.00	48	769	15.85	122	2,477	20.25
RACE AND SEX										
White	1,011	172	3,369	19.55	47	774	16.30	125	2,595	20.75
Negro and other races	126	157	2,262	14.40	57	728	12.80	101	1,535	15.25
Male	931	182	3,663	20.05	53	854	16.25	130	2,810	21.65
White	839	183	3,762	20.55	51	848	16.65	132	2,913	22.10
Negro and other races	91	179	2,761	15.40	68	903	13.30	111	1,858	16.70
Female	207	118	1,366	11.60	30	385	12.90	88	981	11.15
White	172	122	1,450	11.95	30	410	13.45	91	1,041	11.40
Negro and other races 2/	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farmwork	160	222	4,009	18.05	152	2,658	17.55	71	1,352	19.15
Farm wagework	136	229	4,001	17.45	166	2,852	17.15	63	1,149	18.25
Other farmwork 2/ 3/	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonfarm work	438	238	5,351	22.50	30	463	15.20	207	4,889	23.55
Unemployed 2/	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Not in labor force	515	101	1,289	12.80	32	455	14.25	69	834	12.15
Keeping house	63	95	1,243	13.10	25	364	14.30	70	879	12.65
Attending school	407	100	1,190	11.90	34	473	14.05	66	717	10.85
Other 2/	43	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
DURATION OF WAGEWORK										
Farm	1,138	171	3,246	19.00	48	769	15.85	122	2,477	20.25
Less than 25 days	643	145	3,001	20.65	9	125	14.55	137	2,876	21.05
25-74	254	161	2,881	17.85	44	666	15.15	117	2,215	18.85
75-149	126	202	3,632	18.00	107	1,758	16.45	95	1,874	19.80
150-249	85	265	4,739	17.85	187	3,027	16.20	78	1,712	21.90
250 and over 2/	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nonfarm	1,138	171	3,246	19.00	48	769	15.85	122	2,477	20.25
Less than 25 days	198	75	1,022	13.70	62	856	13.70	12	165	13.50
25-74	305	96	1,449	15.15	49	788	16.00	46	661	14.25
75-149	229	166	2,861	17.20	63	1,148	18.35	104	1,712	16.50
150-249	210	240	5,084	21.15	38	579	15.10	202	4,505	22.30
250 and over	196	315	6,770	21.45	27	409	14.90	288	6,361	22.10
Farm and Nonfarm	1,138	171	3,246	19.00	48	769	15.85	122	2,477	20.25
Less than 25 days	66	16	231	14.70	7	95	13.05	8	136	16.05
25-74	238	50	645	12.80	16	208	12.85	34	437	12.75
75-149	229	107	1,579	14.80	35	534	15.30	72	1,045	14.55
150-249	277	198	3,945	19.95	62	1,045	16.85	136	2,900	21.40
250 and over	328	311	6,314	20.30	78	1,242	15.90	233	5,073	21.75
RESIDENCE										
Farm	164	169	3,072	18.25	69	1,145	16.45	99	1,928	19.45
Nonfarm	974	171	3,275	19.15	45	705	15.70	126	2,570	20.35
MIGRATORY STATUS										
Migratory	107	172	3,688	21.50	50	936	18.70	121	2,751	22.65
Nonmigratory	1,030	171	3,200	18.75	48	751	15.55	122	2,449	20.00
REGION										
Northeast	114	192	3,552	18.45	48	722	15.00	144	2,830	19.60
North Central	375	183	3,666	20.00	48	765	15.80	135	2,901	21.55
South	398	162	2,955	18.20	45	653	14.50	117	2,302	19.60
West	249	155	2,936	18.90	54	980	18.15	101	1,956	19.35

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1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

3/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

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Table 13.--Distribution of workers who did farm wagework only and workers who did both farm and nonfarm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1974

Selected characteristics	Workers who did farm wagework only		Workers who did both farm and nonfarm wagework					
	Farm		Farm and Nonfarm		Farm		Nonfarm	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
ALL WORKERS, 1974	1,234	366	931	207	931	207	931	207
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED								
Less than 25 days	26	54	5	11	55	66	15	27
25-74	22	26	18	34	22	24	25	32
75-149	12	10	19	24	12	6	21	18
150-249	14	6	25	19	8	3	19	16
250 and over	26	4	33	12	3	1	20	7
DAILY EARNINGS								
Less than $5.00	8	10	6	25	7	11	10	35
$5.00-7.99	10	14	9	12	10	16	10	11
$8.00-10.99	16	20	10	18	19	21	10	15
$11.00-13.99	14	19	13	16	12	20	9	13
$14.00-16.99	16	15	13	17	16	17	10	10
$17.00-19.99	8	7	11	3	8	5	8	7
$20.00 and over	28	15	38	9	28	10	43	9
ANNUAL EARNINGS								
Less than $100	16	33	2	3	32	40	8	22
$100-199	7	14	3	12	[illegible]	20	7	15
$200-499	15	20	7	25	20	22	13	16
$500-999	11	12	12	20	13	11	13	17
$1,000-2,999	21	15	28	29	17	4	26	22
$3,000-4,999	14	4	19	5	6	2	11	5
$5,000-7,499	10	2	14	3	1	1	9	1
$7,500-9,999	4	--	6	2	--	--	6	1
$10,000 and over	2	--	9	1	--	--	7	1

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APPENDIX A

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

Source of data.--The estimates in this report were based on data obtained in December 1974 through supplementary questions in the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census. The sample was spread over 461 areas comprising 923 counties and independent cities, with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Approximately 47,000 occupied households were designated for interview each month. Of this number, 2,000 occupied units, on the average, were visited but interviews were not obtained because the occupants were not found at home after repeated calls or were unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 47,000 there were also about 8,000 sample units visited in an average month, but which were found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed.

The estimates in this report concern persons 14 years of age or older who did farm wagework in 1974. These data were compiled from supplementary questions to the Current Population Survey asked of persons 14 years of age or older who performed farmwork for wages or salary during 1974. These questions concerned number of days of farm wagework, farm wages, migratory status, nonfarm wagework and nonfarm wages, chief activity in 1974, residence, and other matters. Not included in this report were persons performing hired farm labor during 1974 but who died, entered the Armed Forces, or were no longer in the civilian noninstitutional population for other reasons prior to the field collection. Also not included were foreign nationals who did farm wagework in this country and returned to their homes before the field collection. The number of foreign nationals admitted declined sharply after the termination of Public Law 78 in December 1964, and in 1974 totaled only 12,049. 1/

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to give independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race and sex. These independent estimates were based on statistics from the 1970 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration, and emigration; and the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the estimates.--Since estimates were based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from figures obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and enumerators. As in any survey work, the results are subject to errors of response and reporting, as well as being subject to sampling variability.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability. That is, variations occuring by chance because a sample rather than all the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error also partially measures the effect of response and enumeration errors but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

The figures presented in appendix tables 1-5 are approximations to the standard errors of various estimates shown in this report. In order to derive standard errors that would be applicable to a wide variety of items and could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors provide an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard errors, rather than a precise standard error for any specific item.

1/ Unpublished information from Manpower Administration, U.S. Dept. of Labor.

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Appendix table 1--Standard errors for estimated numbers of farm wageworkers

(68 chances out of 100)

Size of estimate	Standard error
25,000	9,000
50,000	12,000
100,000	18,000
250,000	29,000
500,000	43,000
1,000,000	65,000
2,500,000	121,000
3,000,000	139,000

Estimated percentages and estimated averages are computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator. The reliability of these estimates depends on the size of both the estimate and size of the totals upon which estimates are based. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. Appendix table 2 contains the standard errors of estimated percentages. Averages are subject to large sampling variability, since the sample estimate of an average is affected by extreme estimates. If sensitive indicators are needed, other types of statistics, such as medians, should be considered. Appendix tables 3, 4, and 5 contain the standard errors of estimated averages.

Appendix table 2--Standard errors of percentage of farm wageworkers

(68 chances out of 100)

Estimated percentage	Base of percentage in thousands							
	25	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	3,000
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
2 or 98	4.9	3.5	2.4	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.4
5 or 95	7.6	5.4	3.8	2.4	1.7	1.2	0.8	0.7
10 or 90	10.5	7.4	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.0
15 or 85	12.5	8.8	6.2	3.9	2.8	2.0	1.2	1.1
20 or 80	14.0	9.9	7.0	4.4	3.1	2.2	1.4	1.3
25 or 75	15.1	10.7	7.6	4.8	3.4	2.4	1.5	1.4
35 or 65	16.7	11.8	8.3	5.3	3.7	2.6	1.7	1.5
50	17.5	12.4	8.7	5.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	1.6

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Appendix table 3--Standard errors of average number of days of farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Average number of days of farm wagework per year per person	Base of average in thousands of farm wageworkers						
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	3,000
10	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2
25	3.5	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.7
50	10.2	7.2	5.7	4.0	3.4	2.3	2.0
100	19.2	13.6	9.6	6.8	5.0	3.3	2.9
150	19.7	14.0	9.5	6.8	3.6	2.4	2.1
200	15.5	11.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	1.7
250	11.3	8.0	5.0	3.5	1.3	0.9	0.7
300	7.1	5.0	3.0	2.0	0.8	0.5	0.4

Note: Table 3 pertains to averages computed from distributions allowed to vary over the entire range of days worked. Standard errors for truncated distributions (e.g., workers with less than 25 days of farm wagework) are somethat smaller.

Appendix table 4--Standard errors of average annual earnings from farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Average earnings from farm wagework per year per person	Base of average in thousands of farm wageworkers						
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	3,000
$ 150	31	22	14	10	9	6	5
250	58	41	26	19	16	11	10
500	118	84	53	41	35	23	21
750	178	126	80	64	54	36	33
1,000	219	155	98	85	68	45	41
2,000	314	223	141	132	96	64	58
3,000	331	235	149	138	99	66	60
4,000	340	241	153	141	100	67	61
5,000	344	244	155	142	100	67	61
6,000	346	245	156	142	100	67	61

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Appendix table 5--Standard errors of average daily earnings from farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Average earnings from farm wagework per day per person	Base of average in thousands of farm wageworkers						
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	3,000
$ 5.00	.60	.42	.27	.19	.14	.09	.08
7.00	1.13	.81	.51	.36	.26	.17	.15
9.00	1.46	1.04	.66	.50	.35	.23	.20
11.00	1.52	1.08	.68	.53	.43	.28	.25
13.00	1.54	1.09	.69	.55	.47	.31	.27
15.00	1.57	1.11	.71	.56	.50	.33	.29
17.00	1.59	1.13	.73	.57	.52	.34	.30
19.00	1.61	1.15	.75	.59	.53	.35	.31
21.00	1.62	1.16	.76	.60	.54	.36	.31

Illustration of the use of the tables of standard errors.--Table 4 of this report shows that 209,000 persons were migratory farm wageworkers. Appendix table 1 shows the standard error on an estimate of this size to be approximately 26,000. The chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimate would have shown a figure differing from a complete census by less than 26,000. The chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would have shown a figure differing from a complete census by less than 52,000.

Of these 209,000 migratory farm wageworkers, 67,000, or 32.1 percent, are from the Southern region. Appendix table 2 shows the standard error of 32.1 percent on a base of 209,000 to be approximately 6.0 percent. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated 32.1 percent would be within 6.0 percent of a complete census figure, and chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within 12.0 percent of a census figure; that is, this 95 percent confidence interval would be from 20.1 to 44.1 percent.

Table 7 of this report shows that average annual earnings from farm wagework for migratory farm wageworkers are $1,688. Appendix table 4 shows the standard error for that level of earnings, on a base of 209,000 workers, to be approximately $148. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated $1,688 would be within $148 of a complete census figure, and chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within $296 of a census figure, i.e., this 95 percent confidence interval would be from $1,392 to $1,984.

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APPENDIX B

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Farm wageworkers.--Persons 14 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States at the time of the survey who did any farmwork for cash wages or salary at any time in the year, even if only for one day.

Farmwork for cash wages or salary.--(1) Work done on any farm for cash wages in connection with the production, harvesting, threshing, preparation for market, or delivery to market of agricultural products; (2) work done off the farm for a farmer by his hired farmworkers, such as trips to town to buy feed, seeds, or fertilizers, or to handle other matters involved in running the farm business; (3) repairs of farm buildings, machinery, etc., performed by a farm wageworker when done along with the type of work specified in (1) and (2) above; and (4) managing a farm enterprise for cash salary. Not included as farmwork for cash wages or salary are: (1) work performed by farm operators on their own farms, or "exchange" work between farmers; (2) work done exclusively for "pay in kind"; (3) work done without pay on a family farm by a member of the farm operator's family (a small regular cash allowance is not considered as farm wages); and (4) nonfarm work performed on a farm, such as the building of a farm structure, the drilling of a well, the hauling of agricultural products to market by commercial truckers, or domestic service in the home of a farmer; and (5) custom work such as spraying, threshing, combining, etc., when a person is paid a combined rate for the use of his equipment as well as labor.

Casual workers.--Persons who did less than 25 days of farm wagework.

Noncasual workers.--Persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework. Noncasual workers include:

Seasonal workers.--Persons who did 25-149 days of farm wagework.

Regular workers.--Persons who did 150-249 days of farm wagework.

Year-round workers.--Persons who did 250 days or more of farm wagework.

(The use here of the terms "seasonal" and "regular" differs from that in the Census of Agriculture, where "seasonal workers" refers to persons employed on one farm for less than 150 days during the year, and "regular workers" to those employed on one farm for 150 days or more during the year.)

Age.--The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

Race.--The term "race" refers to the division of the population into two groups--white or Negro and other races (including such groups as Indians, Japanese, and Chinese).

Chief activity.--Information on the chief activity of farm wageworkers during the year was derived from the question, "What was (respondent) doing most of 1974--working, keeping house, going to school, or something else?" If "working" was reported as the chief activity, the kind of work the persons was doing most of the year was determined. Farm wagework was reported if the person spent most of his working time doing farm wagework. Operating a farm was reported if a person spent most of his working time operating his own farm (as a tenant, owner, or sharecropper). Nonfarm work was reported if a person spent most of his working time in his own business or profession, worked without pay in a family business, or worked for pay (or pay in kind) in any nonfarm activity, such as manufacturing, trade, construction, domestic service, etc. If the

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person did not report "working" as his chief activity, information was obtained on what he was doing most of the year. Looking for work (unemployed) was reported for a person who spent most of his time without employment, but was actively looking for a job. Keeping house was reported for persons who spent most of their time doing their own housework. Going to school was reported for persons who spent most of their time during the year going to school. The category "other" was reported for persons who spent most of their time at some activity other than those named above.

Residence.--Residence is determined on the basis of the classification of the place in which the worker lived at the time of the survey. In the Current Population Survey, farm wageworkers were classified as living on farms (farm residents) if they lived in rural territory on places of 10 or more acres of land, and if as much as $50 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Also included are those who lived on places of less than 10 acres if as much as $250 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Nonfarm-resident workers lived in urban places, rural towns or villages, or in the open country on places that did not meet the criteria for farm classification.

Migratory status.--Migratory workers are those who (1) left their homes temporarily overnight to do farm wagework in a different county within the same State or in a different State with expectation of eventually returning home, or (2) had no usual place of residence, and did farm wagework in two or more counties during the year. Nonmigratory workers are those (1) who did all their farm wagework for the year in the same county in which they lived, (2) who made a permanent move from one county to another during the year and performed farm wagework in both counties, or (3) who commuted daily across the county or State line to do farm wagework and returned home each night.

Region.--The States included in each of the four regions are as follows: Northeast--Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey; North Central--Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas; South--Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; and West--Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and Alaska.

Days of farm or nonfarm wagework.--Days on which any farm or nonfarm wagework was reported. The work may have been for all or only part of a day.

Earnings from farm or nonfarm work.--Total cash wages or salary received for farmwork or for nonfarm work. Estimates of earnings do not include the value of perquisites received in connection with farmwork nor the value of fringe benefits received in connection with nonfarm work.

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